GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:424
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PAYMENT OF DUES TO WCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coal Fields Limited is not getting payment from the Maharashtra State Electricity Board regularly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amount due to MSED against sale of coal; and

(d) the steps proposed by the WCL for early realisation of dues?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Western Coalfields Limited(WCL) is receiving payments from Maharashtra State Electricity Board(MSEB) against current supplies. In order to ensure timely and regular payments of coal bills, MSEB has opened an `Irrevocable Revolving Letter of Credit` in favour of WCL in terms of provision of Fuel Supply Agreement(FSA).

(c): Total outstanding dues of sale of coal from WCL against MSEB stands at Rs.66.53 crores as on 30.6.2005.

(d): Bilateral meetings are held between WCL and MSEB to resolve the payment issue in terms of provisions of FSA and understanding reached from time to time. In the last meeting held during April,2005 it was agreed that the disputed dues shall be settled at the Director`s level of MSEB and WCL.